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THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The Senate in Committee of the Whole spent the entire day on the Chicago Relief bill. Mr. Scott opened the discussion on the constitutionality of the bill, and simply made the plea of a technical lawyer. While he was speaking Chandler and Perry busily occupied themselves in lobbying amongst Senators. Mr. Howe followed, and his whole effort was pitched upon narrow and personal grounds. His argument was that the measure was not necessary to encourage the building of Chicago, and that it would not confer relief upon real sufferers by the fire. Mr. Wright, who followed, remarked on starting out that it was necessary for the character of the debate that it should be rescued from the narrow gauge in which it had been run by the previous speaker. After disposing of the objection that the bill was a measure of relief merely for the rich, he proceeded to answer some of the constitutional objections urged against it. He thought it rather peculiar that those who were most violently opposed to the bill should only a short time since have sought to amend it by adding Pushtigo and Peshtigo and Manistee to its provisions. At this stage the Senate had become so wearied of the discussion as to be ready for a vote, but Chandler insisted on getting in his speech. This was simply one of his usual tirades. He railed against the rich men of Chicago who were to be benefited by this bill, and its moral, he warned them, was advocated its passage, in his own inimitable language. If relief was granted in the present instance he should be in favor hereafter of reimbursing every man in the United States who might lose his barn or pig-sty by fire. When Chandler had finished Mr. Morrill demanded a vote on his treasonable amendment, which was lost by 50 to 5. Mr. Ferry then considering the prospects for the immediate passage of the bill altogether too good, submitted his amendment appropriating to Chicago $400,000 out of the public Treasury, and took the floor for a speech to kill time. His effort was a singular one for the United States Senate Chamber. It had neither method, argument, or arrangement, and was merely intended to stave off a vote. He read telegrams from Michigan lumbermen and letters from private citizens in Chicago, protesting against the passage of the bill, but in no instance disclosing names. He also read a statement going to show the enormous wealth of the Chicago delegation which, he said, came down here to lobby the bill through. In this connection he stated that one of the members of this delegation told him that he was compelled to come to Washington against his will to lobby for this bill, though he was opposed to it, by sheer force of local sentiment. He also read Mayor Medill's letter to himself as instancing the threats and intimidations which were even brought to bear upon himself. At the conclusion he read in full Wirt Dexter's letter, written last February, and urging that the bill be defeated. This letter is as follows:

CHICAGO, Feb. 16, 1872.

TO SENATOR FERRY: A great many members have asked me to write to you in relation to the proposed remission of duties on building materials to be used in the rebuilding of this city. Aside from the fraud that such a law would certainly create, I do not believe it would materially aid Chicago. The lumbermen and brickmakers have enlarged and are enlarging their business to meet the coming demand. For instance, common brick are offered to-day, for future delivery, for $7.50, which is as low as they were before the fire. This decline causes very large preparation, which, to some extent, will be discouraged by such a law, and, to a greater extent, it can be seen than the foreign supply resulting from such a law. As to lumber, the Michigan and Wisconsin lumbermen, with the aid of an unusually favorable winter, will be able to meet the demand, and at very reasonable anti-fire prices, as their recent contracts prove. Chicago, for her trade and greatness, relies on her railroads, and they are now in better condition than before the fire, or any other time. It will be a curious sight to see Chicago by paralysing one of her principal branches of commerce, and by its own act invite of foreign supplies. Our lumber interests have been built upon the wants of this market. The relation ought not to be disturbed on as impulse, certainly not until it appears that we are unable to meet the demand. The poorer classes do not need the law. The Relief Society has built 6,000 houses for 40,000 people, and we have covered their wants as far as food and clothing are concerned.

WIRT DEXTER.

He then read a subsequent telegram from Dexter, dated, Feb. 16, wherein the latter asserts that great misunderstanding exists as to Chicago and the Logan substitute by 24 to 14. The bill, as it is reported to the Senate from the Committee of the Whole, to be finally acted upon to-day, reads as follows:

Be it enacted, &c., That on all goods, wares, and merchandise which may be sent from any point without the limits of the United States as contributions to the relief of sufferers by the fire which occurred at Chicago, Ill., March 8, 1871, shall, when imported and consigned to the proper authority at Chicago for distribution, be admitted free of duty.

SEC. 2. That there shall be allowed and paid under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, on all materials to be used in the buildings erected on the site of those burned over by said fire, drawback of all duties paid on same, provided that said materials shall be imported during the term of one year from and after said 8th day of March.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is hereby authorized to suspend the collection of taxes as may have been assessed or may not have accrued prior to the 8th of October, 1871, in the First Collection District of the State of Illinois against any person residing or doing business or owning property in that portion of the City of Chicago recently destroyed by fire, and who, in the discretion of said Commissioner, may be rendered insolvent by such fire; provided, that such suspension shall not be continued after the close of the next regular session of Congress.

To this there will be two amendments offered by Mr. Conkling and others to-day; but it is said that, with the exception of the main leading speeches of Messrs. Trumbull and Carpenter upon the bill, debate will be kept down, and a vote reached to-day, as Senator Morton is pressing the Senate very hard to take up his Tariff bill at once.

The logic resorted to by the opponents of the bill was somewhat remarkable. While Chandler vociferously denounced the measure as being in the interest of a few rich people only, and of no benefit to the masses generally, his colleague, Ferry, made much of an apocryphal story, to the effect that one such sailor, who came to Washington to lobby for the bill, declared that he did it only under compulsion, and in mortal fear of the vengeance of the same masses in case he should refuse. Finally Chandler capped the climax of his impassioned rhetoric by declaring that, if this bill should pass, he would immediately vote in favor of granting a loan to any man whose property should be burned by fire. Mr. Chandler will doubtless be elevated at once to the Chairmanship of a new Committee on Pig Sties, which his policy will render necessary.

The Republican Committee on Resolutions met at the Grand Pacific Hotel at 10 o'clock this morning, and organized by the election of Hon. Wm. Claflin, of Massachusetts, as Chairman, and Hon. Wm. Cullen Bryant, of New York, as Secretary. The Committee then adjourned to meet at the same place at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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STATE LEGISLATURES.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Illinois General Assembly.

The Burnt Records Bill Ordered to a Third Reading in the Senate.

Governor's Message Vetoing the Quincy Water Works Bill.

Text of the Bill to Provide for Municipal Improvements.

The Mayor's Bill Approved by the Governor.

Proceedings in the Other State Legislatures.

ILLINOIS.

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 19.—The House had but ninety-one members all day long, and, therefore did not dare to vote on any bills. The Senate was also thin, and so talked at great length on the bill in relation to religious corporations.

BILLS APPROVED.

The Governor has signed Doyle's Insurance bill, and it is now a law, and also the Mayor's bill.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The bill allowing cities to make local improvements by special taxation, &c., was reported by the House to the Municipal Corporations Committee on Hoot's motion, in order that they might prepare the necessary machinery for making these improvements.

ANNEXATION BILL.

The bill for annexing territory to cities was again taken up. The amendment for a vote of the people in case of annexation was defeated, as was also the proposition of Mr. Cloud to exempt annexed territory to previously contracted debts of a municipality, it being manifestly unconstitutional, and the bill was then ordered to a third reading with some amendments, which will necessitate its return to the Senate. By the bill, as it now is, when there is any dispute about annexation or disannexation, it is to be left to judicial decision, and not left to the Courts, but it is a new idea to allow Courts and Judges to decide as to the propriety or unpropriety of annexation. It is a political question which Legislatures or voters decide. A bill with such a provision in it can hardly receive the Executive approval.

IN MEMORIAM.

The following are the resolutions concerning Senator Little, of Jo Daviess County, adopted Friday by the Senate:

WHEREAS, This Senate has heard with deep sensibility and regret the announcement of the death of the honorable Wallace A. Little, a member from the Twenty-second district of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that we, his friends and co-laborers, should in some suitable manner testify our respect to his memory; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Wallace A. Little this Senate has lost one of its most useful members, that as a wise and just legislator, a conscientious and faithful representative, the world a Christian gentleman, society one of its brightest citizens, the family a kind husband, devoted parent, and humanity a fearless advocate.

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Those examining the provisions of the general law incorporating cities, villages and towns, and comparing many cities and towns in the State, and find this all the towns incorporated under the general law, and those incorporated under such special laws, expressly possess the power to contract with any incorporated company or individual for a supply of water for public uses. The general authority to provide such means as may be deemed necessary to protect towns "from fire," and other general and special provisions found in the incorporating law and in the charters of the cities of Springfield and Quincy that are made general by the twenty-fifth section of that law are such as to accomplish all the purposes proposed by the first of these sections of this bill; except, perhaps, that of warranting a corporation to loan for thirty years.

If I am correct in this statement of the force already possessed by the cities, towns, and villages in the State under existing laws, I can not apprehend that the peculiar language and phrase in the second and third sections of the bill is general and ambiguous as to justify the apprehension that it may be employed for mischievous and dangerous purposes.

By the second section of the bill it is proposed to authorize any city, incorporated town, or village contracting with any company for a supply of water for public use to levy and collect a tax on all taxable property within such city, town or village to pay for the water supplied. If all the power to contract for a supply of water for public use exists in all the cities, towns, and villages in the State, as I believe it does, the taxing power to raise money by taxation to pay for water supplied under any such contract follows as a matter of necessity, and is provided for substantially stated from the second section of the bill would be an unnecessary as those found in the first section.

But I cannot avoid the expression of an impression that the first and sections of the bill, to the extent quoted, will be found in practice to be liable to the objection that the remaining portions of the second section are useless for any purpose, and the third section is calculated to lead to much confusion and difficulty.

Section 3 provides that the treasury to surrender securities here before deposited by life insurance companies, was taken up on a third reading, and a vote taken, resulting—yeas, 16; nays, 7—no quorum voting.

Messrs. HOLCOMB and DORE explained the bill, and it was thought unfortunately passed, and the bill went to the Rules.

THE KEEPING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Senate bill 426, making appropriations for expenses of Twenty-seventh General Assembly, not already appropriated, was taken up on a third reading.

Mr. DUNLAP moved to strike out all about the interest of widows in real estate, in giving her one-third of the personalty.

Mr. MILLER (Kane) moved to give her one-half. Lost.

The original amendment was adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The bill to give cities the power to make local improvements was taken up.

Mr. ROOT, in brief, said the Constitution contemplated that each municipality should make local improvements in such way as best suited it. He moved the following amendment as a substitute: That the bill be committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, Corporations, with instructions to report additional sections, as follows: The necessary machinery for making special improvements by special assessments, the necessary machinery for condemning property, leaving the question of benefits to a jury of freeholders. Third, the necessary machinery for a special tax, and leaving it for each municipality to determine from time to time which of the various modes will best suit the wants of the people in the particular case.

Mr. SPRINGER opposed it, since it would result in the passage of no bill, while its amendment in regard to the improvement of districts was proper, and would meet with no objection.

The motion to refer was agreed to. The instructions were also adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Committee on Appropriations reported back with amendments the bill for the completion of the Northern Insane Asylum, and it was made the special order for Thursday.

The same Committee reported back the Southern Insane Asylum bill with amendments, which was made the special order for the same time.

The same Committee reported back without recommendation the bill appropriating for the Industrial University. Also made the special order for Thursday.

The bill appropriating for the Jacksonville Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Section 10, was taken up.

The bill to pay Carter, Baner & Dinkman was also made a special order.

REVISED STATUTES.

Chapters of revised statutes incorporations, exemptions, and notaries were ordered to a third reading.

WINNETKA BILL.

The bill for the reassessment of Winnetka was ordered to a third reading.

The bill for the organization of literary institutions was sent to the Committee on Education.

ABBREVIATION BILL.

DIVORCE.

Mr. Von Glahn's bill, allowing appeals from interlocutory orders and decrees in chancery, etc., was read a second time.

Mr. DUNLAP said the bill was based upon a single case, and was, in his opinion, objectionable. The costs in the case alluded to grew to an enormous amount, and the habitual resort to the courts, by Christian gentlemen, society was of the highest order, in which the parties had lived, involved murder, jealousy and humanity a fearless advocate.

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But I cannot avoid the expression of an impression that the first and sections of the bill, to the extent quoted, will be found in practice to be liable to the objection that the remaining portions of the second section are useless for any purpose, and the third section is calculated to lead to much confusion and difficulty.

Section 3 provides that the treasury to surrender securities here before deposited by life insurance companies, was taken up on a third reading, and a vote taken, resulting—yeas, 16; nays, 7—no quorum voting.

Messrs. HOLCOMB and DORE explained the bill, and it was thought unfortunately passed, and the bill went to the Rules.

THE KEEPING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Senate bill 426, making appropriations for expenses of Twenty-seventh General Assembly, not already appropriated, was taken up on a third reading.

Mr. DUNLAP moved to strike out all about the interest of widows in real estate, in giving her one-third of the personalty.

Mr. MILLER (Kane) moved to give her one-half. Lost.

The original amendment was adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The bill to give cities the power to make local improvements was taken up.

Mr. ROOT, in brief, said the Constitution contemplated that each municipality should make local improvements in such way as best suited it. He moved the following amendment as a substitute: That the bill be committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, Corporations, with instructions to report additional sections, as follows: The necessary machinery for making special improvements by special assessments, the necessary machinery for condemning property, leaving the question of benefits to a jury of freeholders. Third, the necessary machinery for a special tax, and leaving it for each municipality to determine from time to time which of the various modes will best suit the wants of the people in the particular case.

Mr. SPRINGER opposed it, since it would result in the passage of no bill, while its amendment in regard to the improvement of districts was proper, and would meet with no objection.

The motion to refer was agreed to. The instructions were also adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Committee on Appropriations reported back with amendments the bill for the completion of the Northern Insane Asylum, and it was made the special order for Thursday.

The same Committee reported back the Southern Insane Asylum bill with amendments, which was made the special order for the same time.

The same Committee reported back without recommendation the bill appropriating for the Industrial University. Also made the special order for Thursday.

The bill appropriating for the Jacksonville Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Section 10, was taken up.

The bill to pay Carter, Baner & Dinkman was also made a special order.

REVISED STATUTES.

Chapters of revised statutes incorporations, exemptions, and notaries were ordered to a third reading.

WINNETKA BILL.

The bill for the reassessment of Winnetka was ordered to a third reading.

The bill for the organization of literary institutions was sent to the Committee on Education.

ABBREVIATION BILL.

The bill for the annexation and disannexation of territory was taken up, the question being on the amendment requiring a vote of the majority of the people in the territory to be taken in the matter.

Mr. CLOUD (Morgan) offered an additional section, that annexed land should not be taxed for pre-existing debts or tax city. It was lost,—yeas, 7; nays, 21.

The bill was ordered to a third reading.

VETO MESSAGE.

A message was received from the Governor, returning the Quincy Water Works bill, with his objections thereto. He holds that the language of the bill is too vague and uncertain, and might lead to mischievous results. He also looks upon it as unconstitutionally special legislation.

DEPOSITIONS.

Amendments to the bill in regard to depositions were concurred in.

INCORPORATED COMPANIES.

The bill to allow railroad corporations to change corporate names was taken up.

An amendment was offered making the company under it pay taxes regularly as they are collected under the old one. It was discussed for some time, and was defeated, being considered as unnecessary, and after the passage of very little consequence a motion to strike out the enacting clause was lost.

Mr. ROOT moved his amendment in regard to responsibility for debts. It was adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

PARENT AND CHILD.

The bill in regard to parent and child was ordered to a third reading.

BILLS APPROVED.

A message was received from the Governor announcing the signing of the Mayor's bill and of the coast record, etc.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS.

The bill concerning matters in Chancery was taken up, and some amendments adopted, and it was ordered to a third reading. Others were then in regard to arbitration and award.

BAR OF LEGISLATORS.

The bill to fix the time of the meeting of the next General Assembly was taken up.

Mr. ROBERTS offered an amendment to give six dollars a day, but only when actually present. The amendment was lost—yeas, 30; nays, 45.

The bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Richardson, of Cook,

The bill to extend the rights of women was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. RICHARDSON asked leave to introduce a resolution to adjourn *sine die* March 30. Lost.

In the evening several bills were read a third time.

Adjourned.

WISCONSIN.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., March 19.—The following resolution was adopted by both branches of the Legislature to-day:

Resolved, By the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that the members of the House of Representatives in Congress from this State, are requested to give to the Committee on Ways and Means of Congressional Committee now investigating the management and affairs of the North Pacific Railroad Company, the contract recently made between the said company and the Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad Company, and the action of the road of the latter company, from St. Paul to Duluth, and especially whether said contract of purchase is conditioned on the delay or acceptance of the bill to renew the grant of land to the latter of Wisconsin in aid of its construction of the Railroad from St. Croix River and Lake to Lake Superior.

The following business last night and to-day is as follows:

In the Senate, about fifty bills passed and were concurred in; among them Assembly bills to exempt private property from seizure or sale, to pay off municipal debts; authorizing Columbia County, and amendatory of Section 5 of Chapter 113, Revised Statutes of 1858, so that a party can set aside judgment before suit is brought to issue, the plaintiff shall prosecute at his own cost; to allow defendants to plead set off, &c., to Statutes, so as to expedite the enrolment of bills; paying bounties to the sons of the soldiers buried in the Cemetery of Trustees in certain cases for the organization of corporations manufacturing and other purposes; providing a lien on boats and vessels for fire and marine insurance premiums; appropriating to F. L. Spooner $6,000 for services and expenses in National Bank tax suits; appropriating $600 to R. J. Judd, and $201.30 to N. P. Bookstaver, for services in the Winnebago County contested seat case.

Bills were killed to facilitate the collection of taxes in Dunn and Pierce and to repeal Section 10, Chapter 166, Laws of 1868, relative to assessment of taxes, and to submit the question to Kenosha County as a vote of their people.

IOWA.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 19.—In the Senate, bills were introduced providing that District and Circuit Judges shall fix the time for holding courts in their respective districts and circuits, and to prevent the sale or giving away of intoxicating liquors to certain classes of persons. A resolution was introduced instructing the Judiciary Committee to prepare a bill abolishing the death penalty, and modifying the existing laws in relation to the punishment of murder. Two bills on the subject of taxation were taken up. The bill to establish a Board of Railroad Commissioners, and for the regulation of freight charges, presented by a substitute for Senate bill No. 6, was considered, and adopted by a vote of 19 to 32. The bill to prescribe rules and regulations for railroads, and to establish maximum and reasonable maximum rates of tariff for the transportation of freight thereon, was then taken up and considered by sections. A number of amendments were offered; the most important of which provides that any railroad in this State which has not already organized or built, shall not charge more for the same kind and quantity of freight for a less distance on their line in this State than for a shorter distance on any portion of their line, whether in this State, or partly in this and partly in another State. This amendment prevailed. The bill was then adopted engrossed for a third reading by a vote of 23 to 22. The House passed a bill appropriating $500 to reorganize the State Library. It also passed a bill in relation to streets and alleys; the bill provides that where great improvements are to be made in the streets or alleys that the property abutting such work shall not stand exempt from the payment of their share of such assessment shall be levied against all property benefited to pay the same. The bill was then taken up in Committee of the Whole, and after several of the sections of the bill, the first of which provides that all consolidated railroads in this State shall be controlled by the same person or company, under lease or otherwise, shall, for the purposes of this act, in computing distances and determining rates be regarded as one road; the second provides that the bill shall be applicable to any road built the gross earnings of the preceding year shall be equal to or exceed the sum of five per mile for each of the miles of road operated during the whole of that preceding year. Both motions were lost, and the House adjourned, without coming to a vote. This has been a general field day in both Houses for railroad bills. The indications in regard to the passage of the bill in the House indicates that the fight there will be a hard one, but the House stands committed in favor of the railroad interests.

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ILLINOIS.

Contract Let for Bridge Over Illinois River—Bills Approved by the Governor.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 19.

In the money markets there are no very prominent features. There seems to be no relaxation in the New York market, and money loaned there to-day again at the rate of 13 per cent per annum. Gold is lower, probably on the prospect of disbursements by the Treasury in the redemption of 5-20's of 1865.

In this market the supply of loanable funds is moderate yet, and banks are accommodating all their regular customers, though the tendency is toward a closer condition of the market.

Exchange on New York is firmer, the demand both by city customers and by country banks is increasing, and shows a tendency in funds to move back to New York, a circumstance which may have some effects to slightly alleviate the condition of that market, but will have the reverse effect here. The quotations for selling between banks to-day was par, but few were willing to sell at that.

THE CONSOLIDATED BANKING SCHEME IN NEW YORK.

Circulars have been received by nearly all the National Banks in this part of the country soliciting them (or at least individuals representing them, for the banks cannot take stock in any thing of the kind in their own names) to take stock in a Grand Central Redemption United States National Bank in New York City, — where it is proposed to concentrate the New York reserves of all the National Banks, and thus make an overgrown institution that will be used for speculative and political purposes. As far as we have heard any expressions by bankers here on the subject, they have been unfavorable to the enterprise. The projectors of the scheme claim a sort of quasi Government authority from Washington, which is calculated to excite distrust. If there is to be any material change in the system of National Currency or in its redemption as is intimated in this circular, it is a matter of too much importance to be adopted without a chance for a thorough public discussion, and a full investigation of its merits. If there is any sufficient reason for a great central redemption in New York, there should also be one in each of the redemption cities. The result would be that a large proportion of the small banks would be swallowed up in big ones.

But aside from these considerations, the banks here say there are no advantage in consolidating their reserves in one bank in New York; in fact, the most prudent bankers ask in directly the reverse policy, and believe that their funds are not only safer, but that a New York bank pays less comparatively few accounts of other banks in this part of the country, is always better able to accommodate them when they want accommodation at all.

OUR PROBABLE EXPORTABLE SURPLUS OF WHEAT.

The Sacramento Union estimates that the entire wheat crop of California this year will reach 25,000,000 bushels, being over 6,000,000 bushels greater than the great crop of 1869-70, which was 19,180,196 bushels for the whole State. In that year, the five counties of Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced, Fresno, and Tulare, produced an aggregate crop of 8,145,000 bushels; this year it is estimated by the local residents, that the aggregate crop will not fall short of 18,000,000 bushels. The principal increase in the crop is the greater breadth of land planted in wheat. This, for instance, in Stanislaus county, where 101,125 acres were planted in wheat in the west side of the San Joaquin River last year there are nearly 200,000 acres planted this year. The increase in other counties is in the same proportion. Will only be made by over and lower, making it easier for the farmers to obtain it. Thus, the crop of 1871 is the largest ever raised in the State, and the stock remaining on hand is the most of a fly, and the stock-raisers never got a cent is a legitimate manner.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Quotations for buying and selling in this market, up to afternoon, are furnished by Messrs. Hoyt & Kean, as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
United States 6's of '81	111½	111¾
" 5's of '81	111	111½
" 5's of '74	111	111½
" 5's of '65	111	111½
" 5's of '67	111	111½
" 5's of '68	111	111½
" 10-40's	107	108
Tennessee 6's	70	72
Virginia 6's	55	60
Missouri 6's	100	101
Louisville & Nashville R.R.	87½	88
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 1st mort.	103	104
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 2d mort.	90	92
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 3d mort.	80	85
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 4th mort.	70	75
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 5th mort.	60	65
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 6th mort.	50	55
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 7th mort.	40	45
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 8th mort.	30	35
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 9th mort.	20	25
Louisville & Nashville R.R. 10th mort.	10	15
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THE CITY ASSESSMENT CASES.

The Supreme Court of Illinois, at its September term, rendered a decision in the two cases of Beygah vs. the City of Chicago and Ward vs. the same, arising on the same record, which involves a loss to the contractors with the city amounting in the aggregate to nearly half a million dollars. The calamity resulting from this decision is so serious, so free from fault on the part of the contractors, so entirely the fault of the city officers, and so sure, if carried out, to embarrass the city in making future contracts, that probably the city itself may find it necessary to stand the loss, though it is technically protected from it by the terms of its contracts.

The contracts made by the city for filling, grading, and paving streets recite that the contractors are to look for pay to the collection of the special assessments levied upon property abutting on or benefited by the improvement, and not to the city at large. The Supreme Court, through Judge McAllister, decides that if, from any technical irregularity in the proceedings first taken to levy such assessments, they fail to be collected, no reassessment or new assessment can be made, although two sections of the City Charter were framed with evident intent to confer the right of reassessment in all cases, and though the previous decisions of the Supreme Court have sustained the right in similar cases. The amount of money earned by contractors to work actually done for the city in opening, widening, changing, filling, curbing, paving, etc., and the payment of which depends on the power to levy a reassessment where the first assessment has proved defective, now amounts, as we have intimated, to nearly half a million dollars. The decision will paralyze the efforts of the city to get new work done upon the credit of assessments, as the contractors can never tell when their pay may or may not fall of collection on the first assessment, and so fall altogether.

The Counsel for the Corporation has moved for a rehearing of the case before the Supreme Court, and we believe it is to be reargued. If it is to be sustained, the defects which it reveals in our present Charter ought to be remedied by the Legislature before it adjourns. The new Constitution provides for the remodelling of the system of special assessments, and it is much to be regretted that the dying-out of the old system should be attended with a judicial overturning of the decisions of the Supreme Court under it, in a manner to embarrass the city and its contractors, and unsettle public confidence in the permanence and stability of the law.

While Judge McAllister's opinion is an ingenious argument in behalf of his decision, it deals with the language of our Charter with a hypercritical nicety which, in view of the practical and sensible intent of its framers, it will not bear. Moreover, it seems barely possible to us that the whole decision is based on the wrong section of the Charter, and that it overlooks the section which should govern it. The actions are brought to set aside a reassessment made, because of admitted irregularity in the first assessment, for "curbing, filling, and paving" a portion of Halsted street. The Court, in its opinion, refers to but one section of the Charter, viz.: Section 26, as authorizing a reassessment, and remarks that this is the "only provision authorizing a new assessment." This appears to us to be an error, as Section 24 also provides for a reassessment, in the following terms:

> If any assessment be annulled or set aside, the said Commissioners shall proceed to make a new assessment, and shall return the same in like manner, and give like notices, as herein required in relation to the first.

This Section 24 stands unrepealed, though Sections 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 30 are repealed. Section 21, before its repeal, provided for assessments for "filling, grading, and paving" streets, by requiring the amount to be assessed on the "real estate fronting or abutting on the contemplated improvement." This mode of assessment stands repealed, but the provision for reassessment, which was designed to accompany it in Section 24, stands unrepealed and in full force. As these cases arise on an assessment for "filling, grading, and paving," the power of reassessment given by Section 24, and unrepealed, is that which peculiarly applies to these cases. Judge McAllister's statement, therefore, that the only power of reassessment must be found in Section 26, is doubly contradicted by the fact that a power of reassessment exists in Section 24, and, on reference to the repealed Section 21, we find that this power was framed expressly for cases of this kind, viz.: "filling, grading, and paving." We presume Judge McAllister will not claim that the repeal of Section 21 carries with it, by mere implication, the repeal of Section 24, where the repealing statute of 1863 expressly reserves Section 24, and says that assessments for filling, grading, paving, etc., shall still be governed by it.

Now the difference in language between Sections 24 and 26 is very wide, and underlies the whole of Judge McAllister's decision. He could not have rendered a different decision on Section 26 at all. Be it remembered that Section 26 simply provides that, when any assessment shall be annulled or set aside, the Commissioners shall make a new assessment; and Section 1 of the amendment of 1863 provides that, instead of the assessment being levied upon the property abutting or fronting on the improvement, it shall be laid on "the real estate deemed benefited by the improvement, in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefit resulting thereto." Combining the amendment of 1863 with Section 24, and we have the whole existing law of reassessment, viz.: that, "when any assessment for grading, paving, and curbing, is annulled or set aside, the Commissioners shall proceed to make a new assessment upon the real estate by them deemed benefited by any such improvement in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefit resulting thereto." The law is complete without referring to that Section 26 which Judge McAllister says, is "the only provision authorizing a new assessment." It says nothing of "delinquent property," and it does not require the Commissioners to report whether, in their opinion, "real estate to be assessed for said improvement can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs, and expenses incurred thereby." These points apply in cases of opening, widening, and extending streets (Charter—Ch. 7, Section 4, Gary's Laws, p. 61), but not, so far as we can perceive, to cases of "filling, curbing, and paving streets," under the amendment of 1863, found in Gary's Laws, p. 177, in connection with Chapter 7, Section 24, above cited. Judge McAllister, in his opinion, admits that the statutes under which he is deciding the case (we quote from him) "do not seem to apply in terms to the class of improvements in this case, viz.: Curbing, filling, and paving a portion of Halsted street; but to a case where the Board recommend the opening, straightening, widening, or extending any street. Curbing, filling, or paving a street, is neither straightening, widening, or extending it. However, the 30th Section of Chap. 7 (Gary's Laws, 75), the only provision authorizing a new assessment, declares," etc. In these words Judge McAllister evidently founds his decision on the supposition that he is obliged to resort to a statute which does not apply to the case, in order to find any power of reassessment at all. We have shown this to be an oversight and an error.

The Commissioners in this case reported that the reassessment was "properly chargeable to the [delinquent property of the] real estate specially benefited by said improvements." The words which we have put in brackets are surplusage, and indicate that the Commissioners had got somewhat muddled by the confusion created by the repeal of Section 21, and the non-repeal of Section 24; in other words, by the partial abolition and partial preservation of the distinction between proceedings for "filling, curbing, and paving" streets, and proceedings in "straightening, widening, and extending them."

If our above position is sound, and these cases have been decided under inappropriate sections of the Charter, in disregard of the appropriate ones, it is entirely unnecessary to argue whether, under the inappropriate sections, Judge McAllister's opinion would be sound or not.

MR. SHERMAN'S TARIFF SPEECH.

Senator Sherman has sent to the country his carefully-prepared speech on Finance and Taxation. The speech will be a disappointment to those who may have expected that the Senator's long study and preparation would have produced an enlargement of ideas, a weakening, if not removal, of old prejudices, and some indication that the principles of political economy had made an impression on him. But the reader will seek in vain for one hopeful indication of progress. It was, perhaps, Mr. Sherman's misfortune that his early life was spent in political association with those old Whigs who thought the "American system" was a big thing, and who swore their sons to avenge the defeats of Henry Clay.

Mr. Sherman approaches the subject of the tariff with the following statement:

> The actual cost of the leading productions of industry is now, under domestic competition, nearly, and in some cases quite, as low as before the war.

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It is needless to say that Mr. Sherman opposes the repeal of the taxes on salt and coal. He insists that the exclusion of foreign coal has developed the coal mines of the United States to a degree which would never have been attained had New England been allowed to import coal from Nova Scotia; and a tax on salt he considers absolutely essential, lest, in case of foreign war, we would be left without salt for our potatoes. And, then, he doubts, too, whether the repeal of the duties on those articles would make them any cheaper, but, on the whole, thinks it not wise to make the experiment. At the same time, he thinks the surplus revenues of the country are too great, and he, therefore, proposes to reduce the tax on tea and coffee one-third, and also to reduce the tax on some protected articles to a small extent. This he does not do as a relief to the country, but a sort of tub to the whale of Revenue Reform. He stands resolutely by all the taxes which render the cost of living in the United States equal to that of war-times, and which, yet, produce no revenue. He stands firmly and unflinchingly by all the monopolies which have from time to time obtained from ignorant Committees special tariff legislation; he stands resolutely by the principle that the true way to encourage a man in business is to collect a special tax from all his neighbors and pay it over to him.

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The whole bill and speech of Mr. Sherman look very much like a weak invention to deceive the people. In the first place, the House of Representatives will not very properly in refusing to consider his bill at all, it being a matter of which the Senate has no original jurisdiction. Having gone through the farce of passing a bill which it knows could not become a law, the Cancus faction in the Senate will then probably adjourn without any action on the tariff at all. We regret to say that Mr. Sherman's speech gives no reasonable hope of Revenue Reform until such time as the people shall make a revolution in the membership of both Houses of Congress that monopoly and special legislation cannot govern and control.

H. G. ON OFFICE-SEEKING.

Mr. Greeley, in an article on "The Truth of History," addresses himself to the three charges made against him: that he quarrelled with Seward and Weed because they did not give him an office, that he was dissatisfied with Mr. Lincoln's dispensation of offices, and also with General Grant's distribution of official patronage.

Concerning the first, he says that he was abundantly satisfied with General Grant's Cabinet and New York appointments as first made, including the appointment of Grinnell as Collector of the Port, who was neither of the Fenton nor Conkling faction. It was only when General Grant "turned his back on himself" by removing the foremost of those his own appointees, and filling their places with some who had been conspicuous as factionists and adversaries in the trying days of 1866, that any trouble was created here, or any dissatisfaction expressed by the *Tribune*."

As to Mr. Lincoln's appointments, Mr. Greeley declares that he was exactly satisfied. Where there was any struggle between the Radicals and the Conservatives of New York, Mr. Lincoln sided with the Radicals. "There was no moment of Mr. Lincoln's rule when any place in his gift would have been accepted by Mr. Greeley." Upon the alleged quarrel with Seward and Weed, Mr. Greeley simply puts in evidence the letter on which the charge is based, and a most interesting letter it is psychologically as well as politically. It shows beyond a doubt that, at the time of its writing, Mr. Greeley clung tenaciously to the gentlemanly theory of our earlier statesmen, that true dignity and modesty forbade that their possessor should ask for or seek office. But they forbade no man to perceive when his service and talents, as well as his pecuniary needs, made it the duty of his friends, and those who had profited by his services, to remember him when they were declaring dividends. If all men acted up to this standard, there would be no office-seekers, but the distribution of offices would be according to a high ideal standard of courtesy and merit. Those who search in this letter for any evidence that Mr. Greeley intended any future vengeance against either Seward or Weed may not find it in express terms. It simply dissolves his political partnership with them on the ground that his own political modesty and their political greed had combined to make it a partnership in which he did more than his share of the work, while they received all the net proceeds. Hence, in future, he left them to obtain such political success as they might win without his immediate aid. Nevertheless, those who read this letter in the light of subsequent events may conclude that the difference between having Mr. Greeley's aid and not having it was, to Seward and Weed, "all the difference in the world." It is more than probable that this letter is not revived by Mr. Greeley solely to settle the "truth of history." Besides the illumination it throws upon the past, it casts a reflected light into the future. Mr. Greeley holds to-day, also, that office should be reserved for those who have earned but do not seek it, instead of being cast at the feet of those who make it their main business to grab it. And he probably thinks to-day, as he did in 1852, that to ride rough-shod over H. G. is not the same thing as riding thirty miles an hour in a Pullman car.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

Mayor Medill, yesterday, received a very gratifying letter, from Mr. Robson, with reference to the English contributions to the Free Library, announcing some very important additions to the long list of works heretofore published as constituting a part of the English gift, for which Chicago is largely indebted to the efforts of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Burgess, and the well-known publisher, Mr. Macmillan. Among these additions are the Clarendon Press publications, which have a world-wide reputation for their beauty and excellence; the whole of the papers published by the British Colonial Office; the publications of the Religious Tract Society, the Camden Society, the Meteorological Society, the Society of Friends, and the Athenæum; 24 volumes of British State papers; the works issued by the Cobden Club; and a series of Parliamentary papers on Finance, Health of Towns, Supply of Water, Charities, Schools, Poor Laws, &c., which are in process of selection by Mr. Hughes. The gift of our English brethren, as it will be perceived, has reached magnificent proportions, and will form a handsome and very valuable library of itself.

In connection with this matter, Mayor Medill sent in a communication to the Common Council, on Monday evening, calling their attention to the State law, recently passed, and enclosing an ordinance for the purpose of establishing and maintaining such a library under the provisions of the act, preparatory to the nomination of Directors. It is a matter of regret that the ordinance was not passed at once, but some trifling objection was made, and it was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. We trust that the Committee will not let the matter linger in their hands, but will report it back immediately, and that the Council will act upon it at once. It is very important, as it provides for the reception and care of the books until some permanent place can be secured. Such a magnificent donation as this, contributed upon us by the voluntary generosity of our English friends, should be received in the same spirit in which it is sent, and we therefore hope that no factious spirit or purposeless objections will be allowed to interfere with the prompt passage of the ordinance. Our English friends, according to Mr. Robson's gratifying letter, are working with a will and main to accomplish their noble work. The works sent out by the British Museum are already on their way, and the rest will speedily follow. Let us, therefore, have a place for them without delay, and enter immediately upon laying the foundations of our Library. There is no good reason why we should not accomplish this work at once, and the sooner it is done the better. Even with the Library commence to grow. Our friends have done a noble work for us. The rest depends upon ourselves.

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Our readers will learn with regret of the death of Alexander White, who has for so many years been identified with the history of Chicago. Most of those who came to the city contemporary with him have passed away, and yet there are few of the later comers who have not heard of him, so closely was he identified with city improvements and public institutions. He was a man of remarkable powerfulness in business matters, and, at the time of his death, had amassed a considerable fortune, which is left unincumbered to his family, including his beautiful home at Lake Forest, which, with its picture-galleries, conservatories, and elegant grounds, will be long remembered by those who have enjoyed the genial Scotch hospitalities of its owner. He was a very self-reliant man, always depending upon his own counsel, and keeping that counsel to himself. He was generous in all his impulses, scrupulously honest in all his relations with men, strong in his affections, and charitable in all deserving cases. An obituary notice elsewhere will give the reader the prominent events of his life, and we refer to his memory here principally to pay him a tribute which will cover all faults, and to acknowledge the important services he has done for the fine arts in Chicago.

There is scarcely an important event in the art history of Chicago which is not in some manner associated with the name of Alexander White. He took an active part in the first exhibition of pictures in this city, which was made at Hosier's Gallery, on Lake street, fifteen years ago. He was also instrumental in organizing the subsequent large exhibitions which were given for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission during the war. He was also a warm friend of the Opera House Art Gallery, and of the Academy of Design, and had expressed the earnest hope that the latter institution might be re-established. He was an honest friend of artists, especially of young artists, or "the boys" as he was wont to call them. He was not only an admirer of the fine arts, but a connoisseur of more than ordinary taste and knowledge. His estimate of a picture, both as to esthetic and commercial value, was well-nigh infallible, and the result was, that, in the many collections of paintings he has owned since he has been in Chicago, it was impossible to find a really-bad picture among them. His tastes naturally inclined to paintings of the Flemish and Dusseldorf schools, and of the *genre* character, and his collections were usually composed of these, interspersed with a few French figure-pieces. He rarely purchased American paintings, as he cared little for landscapes, to which American artists almost exclusively devote themselves. He enjoyed a personal acquaintance with many of the present Continental painters in Europe, and, when he purchased, usually went there and bought directly from them. His favorites among American painters were Le Clear, Eastman, Johnson, Hicks, and others who painted figures or portraits. The last collection which he owned, which was first made public about three years ago, was probably one of the finest private collections ever made in this country, and, it will be remembered, was sold recently at auction in New York City, and brought the large sum of $80,000. Out of this large gallery Mr. White had reserved but two pictures, which were to form the nucleus of another collection. His reputation as a connoisseur was not simply local. In New York great weight was attached to his opinion on fine-art matters, and the mere mention of his name in connection with any art-scheme was always a sufficient guarantee of its excellence. As an instance of his reputation abroad, it may be stated that Meissonier, the great French painter, recently set on foot a scheme for the relief of Chicago artists who were burned out by the fire, and wrote to Mr. White desiring him to serve on a committee, with Messrs. Gerôme, Schenck, Knoedler, and others, to co-operate with him. At the very time of his death he was actively engaged in the maturing of plans to set art on its feet again in this city. Among these plans was the restoration of the Academy of Design, and the establishment of a free public gallery, in connection with the Free Library, to contain only the best works of American and European artists. His sudden death has interrupted these plans, and now others must go on with the work. In an esthetic point of view, his death is a great loss to Chicago, and its announcement will cause unfeigned sorrow in many a studio both in American and Europe. His faults are buried with him; and of the pleasant memories which remain of this bluff, open-hearted Scotchman, none are more pleasant than his love for the fine arts, and the high reputation which he helped, perhaps more than any other, to give Chicago abroad as a patron of them.

A prying and mousing correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* has discovered that Roscoe Conkling is waiting to step into the shoes of most of the Judges of the Supreme Court who are in bad health. His clue to the peculiar ambition of this handsome person, the man who "monopolizes the business of strutting" in the Senate is found in the course Mr. Conkling takes on all bills affecting the Supreme Court. He opposed vigorously the bill for increasing the salaries of Supreme Court Judges, because its passage, while he was in Congress, even though he voted against it, would prevent him, in the event of Judge Nelson's resignation, from succeeding to his place. Justice Nelson, under a law passed several years ago, might now resign, and still continue to draw his full salary for life, as he is over 70 years of age and has served more than ten years. He will not resign, however, though he is unable to take his seat on the bench and knows that he never will be, because he is a Democrat, and knows that, if he resigns during Grant's present term, a Republican will succeed him.

There is another bill before Congress to enable the President to accept the resignation of any United States Judge who has become disqualified through age or bad health, and to continue his salary for life. The bill is intended for Chief Justice Chase, who is dependant on his salary for a support, and whose feebleness unfits him for judicial duties, which were always distasteful to him. Were it passed, he would immediately resign and go to Europe. But, should he resign now, while Conkling is a member of the Senate which passes the bill, and which has also increased the Chief Justice's salary, Conkling could not succeed him. Therefore, whenever the bill comes up, Mr. Conkling is on his feet to stave it off or lay it over. At least, so says the mousing and prying correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*. But Conkling remembered that the Administration has three legal advisers in the Senate, viz.: Conkling, Howe, and Edmunds, and only two prospective vacancies on the Supreme Bench.

The South Improvement Company, or, in other words, a combination of capitalists and railroads to monopolize the shipment of oil from Pennsylvania and the business of refining it, has met with an unexpected obstacle in the way of its immense monopoly, all the oil-producers having formed a protective association, and united under a single standard for self-protection. The oil-region has been divided into districts, and all the crude material will pass to the hands of, and be sold by, the organization. The Executive Committee of this Association is also authorized to purchase all the refineries in the region, and to own all oil and merchandise of every kind to and from the oil-region, and to employ all lawful measures to abolish the railroad system of rebates or drawbacks. The railroad combination has thus been met by a counter-combination, which is well and having the advantage of popular sympathy, and, as the breaking-up of this monopoly is a necessity for self-existence, and the oil-producers have plenty of money with which to aid their plucky fight, it is not time the many have been successfully. The importance of their movement may be estimated from the fact that petroleum is the third highest export from the country, it amounting to about fifty million dollars a year.

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...pressive Address to the Aspirants by Bishop Foley.

...torical Sketch of the Order of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

...e Sisters of the Sacred Heart form an order which, for many reasons, American Protestants especially is interested. Their origin is comparatively recent, only dating back to the year 1800. The quiet that succeeded the bloody days of the first French revolution, several ladies of noble family, whose fortunes had been wrecked in that stormy sea of Communism, banded themselves together for the purpose of instructing the children of the nobility of France. The educational institutions of the country had been destroyed in the general ruin. The self-constituted ladies were fitted for the task they had set before them, both by scholarship and long experience at courts. Their task was a labor of love, and they entered into it with true Christian zeal. So well did the self-appointed work of the noble instructors, and so admirably did they satisfy the requirements of the times, that it was determined to make it a permanent institution. Therefore, about ... mentioned, observing all due forms and ...ordinances, they took upon themselves the sacred ... and vowed themselves to perpetual ...ity, and, what they considered, the religious ...ife of mankind. They assumed the name of ... new order, "Sisters of the Sacred ...rt," under that symbol of love and charity ...entered formally upon the performance of ... mission. Their numbers were not at first ..., but the beauty and simplicity of their ..., and the noble objects they kept in view, ...drew upon them the attention of the world, ...attracted numerous devotees within their ...o.

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...e Order soon crossed the borders of France, ...found lodgment in other lands. In 1818 alit is ...traversed the Atlantic, and established a ...ouse in this country. From these many ... educational efforts were so successfully established that a demand soon arose for other ...unities in other localities. The Order extended rapidly, gathering wealth and strength ...ith growth. The head quarters of the ...er are in France. The subdivisions are ...d provinces. There are four provinces on ...side of the ocean. The Eastern province has ...s headquarters at Manhattanville, with communities at New York City, Albany, Kenwood, ...e place on the Hudson, near Albany; Rochester, Philadelphia, Edenhall, not far from that ..., and Havana, Cincinnati, and Baltimore. Western province has its headquarters in ...city, with communities in St. Louis, St. ...is, St. Joseph Mo., and St. Mary's, Kansas. Southern province has its headquarters at Grand ...ou, a fearful reminiscence of the outside world. ...rious hurricanes had just time to observe the direction of the winds before they were ...ed to the bottom of the sea. Two houses ...ere in Mobile, and the sister lessons ...ld to submit to the chapel and ball ...th which the twain passed were cheerful or ...ve, and bright with the sunshine and ...mful way in through many apertures. ...ere were here and there to be seen, and ...ere many cheeks in conventual nooks and ..., where coffee was to tell the devout story ...e time of retiring and of prayer. There ...e kinds of silkworms to be seen in ...oon. Everything was bright, cheery, hope...The organ pealed forth an inspiring melody, ...g assembled the sisters.

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...ESS OF THE TRIBUNE was finally allowed to ...ch a stopping place, although the interest ...e time was unabated. Being fixed at ...t 11 in the morning, at that hour he ...ded to the summons, and entered the ...y of the reception-room, and disappeared in ...t of a number of the sisters. The latter ...ded. A lovely Brussels carpet covered ...e floor. A table in the ...

FOREIGN.

The English Parliament Has Its Periodical Sensation.

Sir Charles Dilke Mounts His Hobby and Is Ridden Down by an Overwhelming Majority.

Notice in the Lords of a Resolution on the Subject of Belligerent Rights.

GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW YORK, March 19.—A London despatch states that the principal event at the Lincoln races, which were inaugurated yesterday, was the Lincolnshire handicap, which was won by Chaplin's bay horse, Guy Darrell, beating a field of twenty-eight starters.

LONDON, March 19.—Lord Northbrook, the successor of the Earl of Mayo in the Viceroyship of India, will be honoured previous to his departure for Bombay, on the 30th inst.

The press of this morning, commenting on the statement made in the House of Commons last night, by Gladstone, relative to the reply of the American Government to Lord Granville's note, generally express the opinion that the communication of the Premier will create disappointment and apprehension throughout the country. The Government is urged to bring the present difficulty with America, arising out of the claims for indirect damages, to an amicable and honorable solution.

LONDON, March 19.—In the House of Lords, this evening, Baron Redesdale, said he had no wish to embarrass the Government. He thought rather that an expression of opinion on the part of this House would be useful. He therefore gave notice that he should introduce a resolve declaring that it is the interests of all nations to decide whether, when belligerents have been reconciled and become a nation, they can demand, as such nation, from a neutral State, indemnity for the damages or one of the belligerents. Lord Westenbalg stated, if this resolve was carried, he should move an address to the Crown praying that an International Conference be called to treat the interests of the settlement of this question.

Earl Derby considers that he should ask the Government what course it intended to pursue with regard to the Treaty of Washington.

In the House of Commons Disraeli gave notice that he should bring to the consideration of the House the state of relations with the United States.

Mr. Horsman reminded the House that he had already pointed out the necessity of his intention to question it, and he begged for a reply now. Mr. Gladstone prepared to give Parliament assurance that the Government had not entered on with the American Government no proposal would be finally accepted until they had received the sanction of Parliament.

Gladstone said he was sorry that he was unable to answer the question to-night. He had no opportunity to give the subject the consideration it demanded, or even to consult with his colleagues.

Mr. Horsman intimated that he should repeat the question to-morrow.

A remarkable scene occurred in the House of Commons to-night, when Sir Charles W. Dilke's resolve to do away with the monarchy came up. The Speaker called on Sir Charles for the introduction of the resolution, of which he had already given notice.

Whereupon Barry rose to a question of privilege. As members of Parliament had taken the oath of allegiance to Queen Victoria and her successors, the hour from 4 to 5 o'clock was the only time by that he was a Republican, he wanted to know if, with proper respect to the honor of the Crown, the member could be allowed to proceed without republicating. [Here Lord Burr was interrupted with shouts, and there was much confusion on all sides.

The Speaker, as soon as the House was brought to order, said he saw nothing unparliamentary with the dignity of the House in allowing the member from Chelsea to proceed. It was no part of his (the Speaker's) duty to interfere.

Sir Charles then rose to put his motion amid great excitement and a storm of cries of "Order." In a firm and moderate tone of voice he called attention to the civil list, and to those items for the purpose of showing the duties of the Auditor (to whom he makes his report), copies of such reports are laid before Parliament by Queen Victoria warrants issued by the Treasury, with specifications of classes in which the savings arose, and to which accounts those savings were transferred from year; also, returns showing the income and expenditure of the Crown from year to year. Queen's accession to the present year, the amount charged on estimates for fees on installations, for robes, presents to servants, presents, the conveyance of distinguished personages, funerals of the Royal family, expenses of coronations, journeys of the Queen, building and repairing palaces, court ceremonies, allowances to Princes, pensions, superannuations to chamberlains, and for services of Royal yachts for ten years, and finally the returns of incomes from all sources of the Queen, showing that the sum of the total amount paid the Prince of Wales.

Sir Charles, having succeeded in making his motion to the end, though frequently interrupted, proceeded to support it in a set speech. He first sought to show that it will not close the House, in the galleries as well as on the floor, during its delivery, and the confusion was at times so great that the voice of the speaker was inaudible. He opened by saying that possibly he motion might be considered premature, but it was time, therefore, that a precedent should be established. He would discuss the question of indirect claims as soon as he had disposed of the sincerous and useless cities like that of Governor of Windsor Castle, and wanted to know in what principle of right Prince Consort Prince Arthur were allowed to occupy lodges in public parks. There was one some time ago, and after spending money for Royal yachts, for his late Majesty, William the Fourth, was a sailor King. Now we maintained two—one for the Queen's action. For what reason? The abandonment of the antiquated palace of St. James was recommended by a Royal Commission, and was ordered thereon annually.

He admitted that he had made the charge that the Queen paid no income tax. This he had since learned was not true. He therefore retracted that charge, and acknowledged that he had misinformed. He concluded by asserting that the civil service list showed an increase of £10,000 in the last seven years, for which no money was wanted.

Mr. Acton Herbert, member for Nottingham, seconded the motion.

The House had all the time been noisy and tumultuous.

Mr. Gladstone rose when order was resumed, and the cheers for Sir Charles were renewed. Gladstone contradicted positively the statement that the civil list had increased, and corrected Sir Charles in a number of other points. One who undertook to instruct the public, he said, must at least be accurate. He denounced as mischievous the speech made by the member for Chelsea castle, and hinted that the success of his motion would be due to the eloquence of that speech. In conclusion, Mr. Gladstone urged the House on every ground to reject the motion.

Sclater-Booth also opposed the motion, but his voice was drowned with groans and cries of "Divide." The speaker insisted on the preservation of order, when all the members of the many Liberals left the Chamber. Herbert attempted to restore them. Speedy. He declared he preferred a Republic over a monarchy. Here the interruptions commenced again. Three attempts were made to count out the House.

Lord George Hamilton called attention to the disorganization of the reporters' gallery, and the reporters' galleries, in violation of the rules. The galleries were cleared, but were soon afterward refilled.

After several attempts to adjourn, and various dilatory motions, the House divided with the following result: For the motion, 1; against the motion, 276. The result was greeted with cheers and laughter.

MARRIED.

FOREST—VAN SICKLEN.—At Chicago, March 19 at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. I. T. Smith, Mr. FREDERICK A. Forest, of Rockford, and Miss Mary Van Sickle.

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DIED.

HUGHES—March 19, 1872, Mr. Lawrence Hughes, aged 57 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 691 Burnside-st., at 9 o'clock a. m., Thursday the 21st, by carriages to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of deceased are respectfully invited to attend.

WILEY—Monday morning, March 18, Margaret Wright Wiley, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiley, aged 2 months.

Funeral, this day at 10 a. m., from their residence, No. 20 South Paulina-st.

ANDREWS—In St. Louis, Mo., March 15, Mrs. Julia E. Andrews, third daughter of Mrs. M. S. Arnold, aged 34 years.

Funeral at her late residence, 1021 Indiana-av., Wednesday, at 1 o'clock p. m.

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